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<> MOSCOW TV: SOVIET BORDER GUARDS REPULSE <><>AFGHAN<><> REBELS
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((EDITORIAL REPORT)) MOSCOW TELEVISION SERVICE IN RUSSIAN
AT 2205 GMT ON 28 MAY CARRIES ITS WEEKLY "I SERVE THE SOVIET UNION"
PROGRAM. THE FIRST SEGMENT OF THE PROGRAM DEALS WITH MUJAHIDIN
INCURSIONS INTO SOVIET TERRITORY. THE SEGMENT BEGINS WITH PAN
SHOTS OF SOVIET BORDER AREAS AND SHOTS OF A BORDER GUARD PATROL,
A SHIP, A TRACKED VEHICLE ON A BEACH, AND AN MI-8 HELICOPTER. VIDEO
CUTS TO CORRESPONDENT BORIS SMIRNOV AND A LIEUTENANT COLONEL
<> ANATOLIY TEREYEVICH CHICHULIN STANDING IN AN AREA WHERE <><>AFGHAN<><>
DUSHMANS INTRUDED INTO SOVIET TERRITORY ON THE NIGHT OF 8 APRIL AND
ATTACKED A BORDER DETAIL.

CHICHULIN DESCRIBES THE AREA AND GIVES DETAILS OF THE ATTACK.
HE SAYS: THE DUSHMANS IN TWO 25-MAN GROUPS CROSSED THE
PIYANDZH RIVER. ONE GROUP SECRETLY MOVED ALONG THE FOOTHILLS TO
NEARBY HILLS AND THE OTHER GROUP MOVED DOWN THE RIVER OFF
(PUNIMUR) VILLAGE. THE DUSHMANS SET UP GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND MACHINE
GUNS ON THE NEARBY HILLS AND THE GROUPS ATTEMPTED AN ATTACK ALONG
THE VALLEY AND ALONG THE (NASTUYASHCHIY) RIDGE. THE DUSHMANS BASED
THEIR ATTACK ON THEIR SUPERIORITY IN STRENGTH AND FIRE POWER AND
ON SURPRISE. THEY ALSO BELIEVED THAT ALLAH WAS WITH THEM AND WOULD
NOT ABANDON THEM IN THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST INFIDELS. HOWEVER, THEY

MISCALCULATED. THEIR CALCULATIONS WERE WRECKED RIGHT FROM THE START. A PRIVATE KURKIN, MANNING A BATTLE OUTPOST, DISCOVERED THE SECRET APPROACH OF THE ENEMY: HE FIRED A RED FLARE TO SOUND THE ALARM; HE WAS THE FIRST TO OPEN FIRE. IN THE KOZACHIY POST AREA, A PVT YEMILOV COVERED THE FLANK OF A GROUP THAT WAS UNDER INTENSIVE FIRE; HE PUT AN ENEMY MACHINE GUN OUT OF ACTION AND GAVE HIS LIFE TO ALLOW THE MAIN GROUP TO MANEUVER TO A TACTICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION.

SMIRNOV ASKS CHICHULIN TO CHARACTERISE THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET BORDER GUARDS. CHICHULIN SAYS: FROM THE BEGINNING THE INITIATIVE BELONGED TO THE SOVIET BORDER GUARDS. THE ELEMENTS OF SUPERISE, DARKNESS, AND TORRENTIAL RAIN -- THE ELEMENTS THE DUSHMANS COUNTED ON -- DID NOT HELP THEM. THE DUSHMANS WERE PUSHED BACK ACROSS THE RIVER, AND THE SITUATION RETURNED TO NORMAL.

VIDEO SHOWS GUARDS WATCHING THE BORDER AND THEN CUTS TO OLD FILMS ABOUT BORDER GUARDS. VIDEO THEN CUTS TO SMIRNOV INTERVIEWING AN ALEKSANDR ARTAMONOV, WHO SPEAKS ABOUT KILLING THREE DUSHMANS, AND OTHER WHO TOOK PART IN THE FIGHTING. ANOTHER SOLDIER, GENNADIY SHAVELKIN, PRAISES KURKIN AND YEMILOV WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. THE SEGMENT ENDS WITH SHOTS OF BORDER GUARDS RUSHING TO ACTION.

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